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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.102

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition to make the above referenced application special pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.102 - Advancement of Examination on the ground of actual infringement. Applicants believe their invention is currently being infringed and would like to make the present application special in order to seek complete and proper redress. Applicants have enclosed the necessary fee of \$130.00 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(h) along with a statement from GEORGE LIKOUREZOS (Applicant and Attorney of Record) in support of this petition.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application should be awarded special status. If the Examiner has any questions, or comments, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the phone number set forth below.

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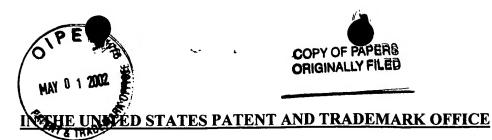
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STATEMENT OF GEORGE LIKOUREZOS IN SUPPORT OF PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

I, GEORGE LIKOUREZOS, do hereby state as follows:

- I am now an attorney-at-law licensed to practice law in all courts of the State of New York. 1. I am also admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.
- 2. I am registered to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office.
- On behalf of myself and Michael A. Scaturro, inventors of the System and Method for 3. Effecting a Real-time Payment for an Item Won on an Electronic Auction of the aboveidentified patent application, I have conducted a comprehensive search of the prior art and have good knowledge of the pertinent prior art.

4. After review of the prior art, in my opinion, the above-identified patent application is

allowable and will be granted patent protection.

5. Upon carefully considering and rigidly comparing the System and Method for Effecting a

Real-time Payment for an Item Won on an Electronic Auction of the present application and

the eBay Checkout method described on eBay's website, I unquestionably believe the

present application's method is being infringed.

6. I believe that the present application should be made special pursuant to 37 CFR §1.102 -

Advancement of Examination in order to allow us, the inventors, the opportunity to quickly

seek proper redress.

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all

statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements

were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by

fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of title 18 of the United States Code, and that

such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or document or any

registration resulting therefrom.

Respectfully submitted,

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